



Turkey Run State Park Nature Center Programs

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Monday, August 1

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Come to the nature center to help put out seed, suet & nectar, and then watch as wild birds and squirrels eat and interact. 30 minutes.

 **10:45am Pioneer Toys & Games** – Experience various toys and games that children played with during the early 1800’s. 45-minute hands-on activity. Nature Center.


2pm Planetarium Star Show – Let a naturalist show you around the night sky. Discover tricks for locating constellations, hear some star stories, and find out which meteor shower is coming your way! 40 minutes. Nature Center. *Reservations recommended!*

Tuesday, August 2

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.


2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*

 **3pm Lusk Home Tour** – Meet in the basement of the Lusk Home for a fun 1-hour tour of an 1841 brick mansion. A \$2 per person donation is requested but is not required. Tour includes 3 flights of stairs. Hike out, or park at the Home. Doors open at 2:45.

Wednesday, August 3

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

 **10:30am-3pm History Mysteries Photo Scavenger Hunt** – Look for and photograph some unique historic sites at Turkey Run using digital cameras, cell phones or tablets. Come to the nature center for instructions and PRIZES!

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*


Thursday, August 4

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:15am Armchair Birdwatch – Gather in the wildlife observation room and let a naturalist help you identify birds, and share tips & tricks for attracting birds and other wildlife to your own backyard. 30 minutes. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*

 **3pm Lusk Home Tour** – 1-hour tour at the Lusk Home. \$2/person. See previous listing.

Friday, August 5


Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:15am A Mother Hummingbirds Life – Gather in the Nature Center to view an amazing video of hummingbirds building nests, laying eggs and tending babies. 30 minutes.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*

5:30-8:45pm Naturalist in the Campground – Watch for the naturalist roaming the campground to see something cool from nature & to hear about the weekend’s programs.

 **9:30pm Sounds That Scared The Pioneers** – Gather at the amphitheater (past Olympic pool) to hear strange sounds of the night and discover what makes them. 45 minutes.


Saturday, August 6

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:15am A Ladybug’s Life – Join us in the nature center to discover the fascinating lives of ladybugs, and then make your own to take home! 30 minutes.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*

 **3pm Lusk Home Tour** – 1-hour tour at the Lusk Home. \$2/person. See previous listing.

9pm Life’s A Hoot! – Join us at the nature center to make a cute owl craft to take home, practice your owl voice, and then stroll out into the night for a short, easy hike to try and call in some of our silent flyers. 1 hour.


Sunday, August 7

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:15am Hike The Bluebird Trail – Gather at the nature center for a 1-hour easy walk to open and check bluebird boxes for nests, eggs and babies!


2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*

 **3pm Lusk Home Tour** – 1-hour tour at the Lusk Home. \$2/person. See previous listing.

Monday, August 8

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

 **10:45am Trees That Survived The Ax** - Gather on the nature center porch for this 1.5-hour moderately rugged hike to see some of the oldest trees in the park and hear how they survived being bought by a timber company.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*


Tuesday, August 9

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

11am-noon Meet Smokey Bear! – It’s Smokey Bear’s Birthday! Come to the nature center to meet Smokey and wish him well on his special day ☺


2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*

 **3pm Lusk Home Tour** – 1-hour tour at the Lusk Home. \$2/person. See previous listing.

Wednesday, August 10

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

 **10:45am Build Your Own Log Cabin** – Try your hand at building an early 1800’s log cabin during this 45-minute program at the nature center.


2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*



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Hoosier Quest Program
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Thursday, August 11

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Come to the nature center to help put out seed, suet & nectar, and then watch as wild birds and squirrels eat and interact. 30 minutes.

10:15am Cotton Candy In The Sky – Explore the cloud formations of our beautiful sky. Bring your own blanket to lie on as the naturalist points out the different types of clouds, how they form, and what weather they will bring. 45 minutes. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – Let a naturalist show you around the night sky. Discover tricks for locating constellations, hear some star stories, and find out which meteor shower is coming your way! 40 minutes. Nature Center. *Reservations recommended!*

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Friday, August 12

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:15am Sassafras Jewelry – Create a beautiful bracelet with fragrant beads from the “root beer tree.” 30 minutes. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*


5:30-8:45pm Naturalist in the Campground – Watch for the naturalist roaming the campground to see something cool from nature & to hear about the weekend’s programs.

Saturday, August 13


Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:15am Giant Bubbles! – See how easy it is to create giant bubbles from stuff around the house. 30 minutes. Nature Center.

 **10:45am Extirpated Animals** – Discover the missing wildlife from Indiana’s landscape and discover why they’re gone. 45 minutes. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*

 **3pm Lusk Home Tour** – 1-hour tour at the Lusk Home. \$2/person. See previous listing.

8:45pm Going Batty! - View the crazy world of bats during a fun 45-minute interactive family program & short, easy hike. Meet at the Amphitheater (past the Olympic pool).


Sunday, August 14

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:15am Hike The Bluebird Trail – Gather at the nature center for a 1-hour easy walk to open and check bluebird boxes for nests, eggs and babies!

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*


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Monday, August 15

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.


 **10:45am Build Your Own Log Cabin** – Try your hand at building an early 1800’s log cabin during this 45-minute program at the nature center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*


Tuesday, August 16

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

 **10:45am Pioneer Toys & Games** – Experience various toys and games that children played with during the early 1800’s. 45-minute hands-on activity. Nature Center.


2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*

 **3pm Lusk Home Tour** – 1-hour tour at the Lusk Home. \$2/person. See previous listing.

Wednesday, August 17

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10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.


 **10:45am Furs Of The Trade** – Explore the furbearers of Turkey Run, discover their unique adaptations, feel the differences in their coats, and hear how they were historically used. 30 minutes. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*


Thursday, August 18

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

 **10:30am-3pm History Mysteries Photo Scavenger Hunt** – Look for and photograph some unique historic sites at Turkey Run using digital cameras, cell phones or tablets. Come to the nature center for instructions and PRIZES!

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*


 **3pm Lusk Home Tour** – 1-hour tour at the Lusk Home. \$2/person. See previous listing.

7pm Volunteer Meeting – Meet members of the Friends of Turkey Run and Shades in our monthly planning meeting and see how you can get involved here at the park. INN basement.

Friday, August 19

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9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

 **10:15am Trees That Survived The Ax** - Gather on the nature center porch for this 1.5-hour moderately rugged hike to see some of the oldest trees in the park and hear how they survived being bought by a timber company.


2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*

5:30-8:45pm Naturalist in the Campground – Watch for the naturalist roaming the campground to see something cool from nature & to hear about the weekend’s programs.



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National Honeybee Day!


Saturday, August 20



Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT


9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Help put out seed, suet & nectar for our birds. 30 minutes. Nature Center.

10:15am Buzzin' Bees – Gather in the nature center to see video from cameras attached to honeybees. A craft will be available for those young at heart. 30 minute program.

 **10:45am In Juliet's Words** – Gather in the nature center to hear about our own Juliet Strauss and the role she played in saving Turkey Run. A gifted writer, we will enjoy readings from some of her articles. 45 minutes.

1pm Beehive Inspection! – Come in the nature center to watch as our beekeeper inspects our honeybee hives to check on the larval and honey cells, look for unwanted pests and more! Come and stay for a few minutes, or however long it takes ☺

2pm Planetarium Star Show – Let a naturalist show you around the night sky. Discover tricks for locating constellations, hear some star stories, and find out which meteor shower is coming your way! 40 minutes. Nature Center. *Reservations recommended!*


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8:30pm Owl Prowl – Meet at the nature center to discover three common owls at Turkey Run, and then go on an easy 1-hour hike to try and call some close.


Sunday, August 21

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

 **10:15am – A Step Back In Time** – Explore the mystery of Turkey Run's past. We will visit some key features in search of clues. Meet at the nature center for this 1-hour moderate hike.


2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*

 **3pm Lusk Home Tour** – 1-hour tour at the Lusk Home. \$2/person. See previous listing.

Monday, August 22

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

 **10:45am Pioneer Toys & Games** – Experience various toys and games from the 1800's. 45 min. Nature Center.


1pm Hike The Bluebird Trail – Gather at the nature center for a 1-hour easy walk to open and check bluebird boxes for nests, eggs and babies!

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*


Tuesday, August 23

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

 **10:45am Build Your Own Log Cabin** – Try your hand at building an early 1800's log cabin during this 45-minute program at the nature center.


2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*

 **3pm Lusk Home Tour** – 1-hour tour at the Lusk Home. \$2/person. See previous listing.

Wednesday, August 24

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10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.


 **10:30am-3pm History Mysteries Photo Scavenger Hunt** – Look for and photograph some unique historic sites at Turkey Run using digital cameras, cell phones or tablets. Come to the nature center for instructions and PRIZES!

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*


Thursday, August 25

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

 **10:15am Extirpated Animals** – Discover the missing wildlife from Indiana's landscape and discover why they're gone. 45 minutes. Nature Center.


2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*

 **3pm Lusk Home Tour** – 1-hour tour at the Lusk Home. \$2/person. See previous listing.

Friday, August 26

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

 **10:15am A Look Back In Time** – Hear the epic battle between a timber company & conservationists for the land that is Turkey Run during this 45-minute slideshow of historic photos. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*

5:30-8:45pm Naturalist in the Campground – Watch for the naturalist roaming the campground to see something cool from nature & to hear about the weekend's programs.

Migratory Bird Treaty Act Centennial Celebration

Saturday, August 27




Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:15am Birdwatch Bonanza – Gather at the nature center to celebrate the centennial of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Hear about its importance and then go on an easy hike to look for birds around the park. 1-hour.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*

 **3pm Lusk Home Tour** – 1-hour tour at the Lusk Home. \$2/person. See previous listing.

9pm Talk Like The Animals – Join us at the nature center to discover how some of our native animals communicate and then go outside to try and talk to some. 45 minutes.

Sunday, August 28

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:15am Backyard Birdwatching – Discover how to attract birds to your very own backyard. What plants do they love, what food do they eat, and what kind of shelter do they need? Find out in this 45 minute program. You can even make your own birdfeeder to take home! Nature Center.

 **1pm Pioneer Toys & Games** – See previous listing.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*

3pm Lusk Home Tour – 1-hour tour at the Lusk Home. \$2/person. See previous listing.


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 **10:45am Build Your Own Log Cabin** – Try your hand at building an early 1800’s log cabin during this 45-minute program at the nature center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – Let a naturalist show you around the night sky. Discover tricks for locating constellations, hear some star stories, and find out which meteor shower is coming your way! 40 minutes. Nature Center. *Reservations recommended!*

Tuesday, August 30

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10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.


 **10:30am-3pm History Mysteries Photo Scavenger Hunt** – Look for and photograph some unique historic sites at Turkey Run using digital cameras, cell phones or tablets. Come to the nature center for instructions and PRIZES!

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*

Wednesday, August 31

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10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.


 **10:45am Furs Of The Trade** – Explore the furbearers of Turkey Run, discover their unique adaptations, feel the differences in their coats, and hear how they were historically used. 30 minutes. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*


Thursday, September 1

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Labor Day Weekend

Friday, September 2

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

 **10:15am Trees That Survived The Ax** - Gather on the nature center porch for this 1.5-hour moderately rugged hike to see some of the oldest trees in the park and hear how they survived being bought by a timber company.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*


Saturday, September 3

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:15am Painting The Leaves – Come to the nature center to find out just how our leaves change color in the fall and then make a leaf print notecard to take home with you. 40 minutes.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*

 **3pm Lusk Home Tour** – 1-hour tour at the Lusk Home. \$2/person. See previous listing.

9pm Owl Prowl – Meet at the nature center to discover our 3 most common owls found in the park, and then go on a 1-hour easy hike to try and call some in.


Sunday, September 4


Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:15am Nature Jeopardy! – Come to the nature center to test your knowledge with a fun game of Jeopardy. 30 minutes. PRIZES!

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*


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 **9:30pm Sounds That Scared The Pioneers** – Gather at the amphitheater (past Olympic pool) to hear strange sounds of the night and discover what makes them. 45 minutes.

Monday September 5

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2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*

Tuesday & Wednesday, September 6 & 7

Nature Center CLOSED

For additional interpretive programs, visit:
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